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## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000  
Reserve Fund.....\$4,400,000  
Reserve for Equalization.....\$400,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.  
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HONGKONG.—Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " " 5 per cent. " "

12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Drafts granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 26, 1884.

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NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one day.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of friends, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so, affixing one ten-cent stamp to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten cent stamp the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about July 1st and January 1st, and beginning at July 1st.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps, and other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1884.

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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

—LONDON BANKERS.—  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.  
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE

POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per centum.

6 " " 5 " "

12 " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS

OF THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN, 1884.

AUTHORISED BY IMPERIAL DECREES

Dated 1st December, 1883.

For Dollars 2,780,400,28 equivalent of Thous 2,000,000 at 7.17, in Bonds of \$500 each Hongkong Currency, bearing interest at 8 per cent. per annum.

Principal and Interest payable in Hongkong.

The Loan is divided into Two Portions for \$1,304,700,14 (1 Million 7 Hells), each, and respectively A & B.

The Bonds of Loan A are redeemable at par within 3 years (1887) by three yearly instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 10th March, 1885.

The Bonds of Loan B are redeemable at par within 6 years (1890), by three yearly instalments, the first of which will be payable on the 30th June, 1888.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum payable yearly, according to the English Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at the Current Rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Hongkong. The first Payment of interest on Loan A will be on 16th March, 1885, and on Loan B on 30th June, 1888.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong one month previous to the dates of payment of the Drawn Bonds as given in the Schedule, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off on the respective dates specified at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, after which date interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

Bonds to bear will be issued on 25th October, 1884, against allotment-letter and on payment of the balance due on same from which date the public will receive interest upon the Bonds of both Loans.

SCHEDULE

TABLE OF DRAWINGS AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST.

LOAN A.

Date of payment of drawn bonds and interest.

1885—10th Mar. \$416,410.04 \$11,576.01

1886—10th " 488,145.05 78,103.20

1887—10th " 488,145.05 39,051.60

\$1,304,700.14 \$228,730.81

LOAN B.

1885—30th June \$11,576.01

1886—30th " 11,576.01

1887—30th " 11,576.01

1888—30th " 488,145.05 111,576.01

1889—30th " 488,145.05 72,524.40

1890—30th " 418,410.04 35,472.80

\$1,304,700.14 \$552,301.24

With reference to the foregoing, sealed tenders are invited for the above Loan at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, until noon on SATURDAY, 18th October, 1884, when the tenders will be opened, afterwards no tender will be entertained. Applications for taking either Loan A or Loan B and tenders should distinctly state which one is desired.

A deposit of ten per centum upon the amount tendered must accompany each application, such deposit to be made by Cheque on a Bank in Hongkong. The balance of the amount allotted will be paid on or before the 25th October, 1884.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

All tenders to bear upon the cover "Tender for Chinese Imperial Silver Loan of 1884."

The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender below par.

The prospectus and form of tender can be obtained on application at the Bank.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 11, 1884.

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CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to call in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premiums for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION of BONUS to Contributors may be paid as BONUS to Contributors. Returns not sent in before the 30th November next, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 1, 1884. 1467

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now

be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Bank.

For Sale.

## Lane, Crawford & Co.

BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR

NEW FURNISHING & HOUSEHOLD DRAPERY

DEPARTMENTS,

WITH

A very large Stock of entirely

NEW GOODS,

SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR THE PRESENT SEASON,

CONSISTING OF:

BRUSSEL'S CARPETS, BEST FIVE-FRAME

QUALITY of PURE WOOLS, FAST

DYES, and this year's Choicest Designa-

BRUSSEL'S 2nd QUALITY and TAPES-

TRY CARPETS, durable, moderate in

price, and the newest patterns.

KENSINGTON CARPETS from \$17 each.

These are woven in one piece, bordered,

fringed and reversible, they are most

artistic and very suitable for Reception

and Bed Rooms.

A very large Assortment of AXMINSTER,

VELVET & SHEEPSKIN HEARTH-

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),  
ARE NOW,  
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

**TOPCAN BUTTER.**  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODFISH, Boneless.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.  
Beau Idee SALMON in 6 lb. cans.  
Cutting's Desert FRUITS in 2 lb. cans.  
Assorted CHILLED VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEATS.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTAH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
HOMINY.  
HONEY.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
900 lb. "  
1,200 lb. "

## KAI-SAR-I-HIND' CIGARETTES

in crystallized Boxes of 100 at \$6.00  
per millie.

## SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER

in 1 lb. Tins.

## AGATE IRON WARE.

## INSERTION RUBBER.

Tuck's PATENT PACKING.

## HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.

## PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.

LAWN BOWLS.

## PAINTS and OILS.

TALLOW and TAR.

PITCH and ROSIN.

Ex late Arrivals from

ENGLAND.

## A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

S T O R E S,

including:

## ALMONDS and RAISINS.

## BEEF PLUMS.

## TEISSONNIER'S DESSERT FRUITS.

## JORDAN ALMONDS.

Fine YORK HAMS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.  
Yarmouth BLOATERS.  
Kippered HERRINGS.  
Herrings & 1/4 SARDINES.

IRISH BACON in tins.

COCONUTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

EF'S COCOA.

## SPARTAN

## COOKING STOVES.

## CLARETS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

1825 GRAVES.

## BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT.

SACOCHE'S MANZANILLA & AMON.

TILLADO.

SACOCHE'S OLD INVALID PORT.

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

COURVOISIER'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BORDEAUX WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BON'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

NOEL PRAT & Co.'S VERMOUTH.

JACKSON'S WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAOAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

draught ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

## SPECIALTY SALVAGED

## C I G A R S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in 5 cent Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cent p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, August 15, 1884.

## Prospectus.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; CHINA TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, 500,000 DOLLARS.  
In 10,000 Shares of \$50 each, 25 payable on Application, \$10 on Allotment, and the Remainder by Calls as required.

Provisional Committee:

The Hon. W. KESWICK (Chairman).

The Hon. T. JACKSON.

The Hon. F. D. SASSOON.

C. P. CHATER, Esq.

W. M. DANBY, Esq.

W. H. FORBES, Esq.

W. K. HUGHES, Esq.

A. B. JOHNSON, Esq.

J. A. MOSELEY, Esq.

W. M. WOTTON, Esq.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Brokers:

W. M. DANBY, Esq., M. Inst. C.E.

R. K. LEIGH, Esq., Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.

Solicitors:

Messrs. BEEBERTON, WOTTON AND DEACON.

Temporary Office:

13, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The Company has been formed for the purpose of constructing, equipping, and working a series of Low Level Steel Tramways in the City of Victoria, Hong Kong. Two Special Ordinances, No. 12 and 18 of 1883 have been passed by the Legislative Council and the Government authorizing the construction and working of the same.

Victoria is very favourably adapted for Tramways, owing to its configuration, the easy gradients of its principal street, (the main thoroughfare from the East to the West ends, along which the Tramways will be laid), and the immense intersecting traffic.

The Tramways will be constructed in the best and most substantial manner, and with all the latest improvements, with steel girder rails, bedded in concrete, but no wood or other perishable material will be used.

The Tramways are intended to be worked by Stone Traction, such being much more economical, trustworthy, and under more effective control, having more power of overcoming gradients, and giving better results (pecuniary and otherwise) than horse, compressed air, electricity, or other motive power.

The engines will be constructed according to the Board of Trade regulations and will in no way be a nuisance, being almost noiseless, and having no machinery, smoke or steam visible.

The Company anticipate, from the relatively low cost per mile of the projected Tramways, combined with other numerous advantages connected with the undertaking, that the dividend returns will be satisfactory.

There is no agreement or contract in existence affecting this undertaking.

Plans and Estimates may be seen at the Office, and the full Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares and every other information may be obtained from THE SECRETARY AND ENGINEERS, No. 13, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

APPLICATION for SHARES will be received until the 30th SEPTEMBER.

Hongkong, August 7, 1884.

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WANTED.

FOR THE SINGAPORE & STRAITS PRINTING OFFICE, SINGAPORE, A FOGHORN, LITHOGRAPHER.

Apply with Testimonials, stating Wages expected to

The Manager,

SINGAPORE & STRAITS PRINTING OFFICE, Singapore.

4th September, 1884.

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## Prospectus.

## THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Act 1865 to 1883, whereby the liability of the Shareholders is limited to the amount of their Shares.)

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

First Issue of 100,000 Shares of £10 Each, Of which 50,000 are Reserved for Issue in India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

PAYABLE

£1 on Application, £1 on Allotment, and the Balance of £8 at such times and in such sums not exceeding £2, as the Directors may determine.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon TO-DAY, the 13th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

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## MEMO FOR TOMORROW.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—Diamante leaves for Amoy, 6 a.m.—Diamante leaves for Bangkok, 6 a.m.—Mocca leaves for Bangkok, to be sent in before 3 a.m.—Noon.—French Mail leaves for Paris of Call and Europe, 3 p.m.—Oriental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer Ocean leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco, 5 p.m.—Amocca leaves for Manila, & Goods for Tadzhikistan undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## Auctions.

2 p.m.—Auction of Sundries at Victoria Exchange.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

中華大藥房

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
PHARMACEUTICAL AND BOTANICAL DRUGGISTS,  
IMPORTERS  
OF  
Druggists' Sundries, Nutritive Receipts,  
Tonic Waters, Toilets, Extracts, Elixirs,  
AERATED, & BOTTLED BEVERAGE PATENT  
MANUFACTURERS

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,  
Gingerwater, Pot Water, Sanitarium  
Water, and other Aerated Waters.  
The Manufacturing is under direct  
and continuous European Supervision.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this notice commenced  
at 7.15 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1884.

## TELEGRAMS.

The Blocking of the Shanghai River.

The Government here have received the following telegram from H. B. M.'s Consul at Shanghai to-day:

The Taotai writes to the Consul (General) that, on receipt of his despatch and notes, he telegraphed to the Viceroy explaining the objections made to the blocking of the river.

The Viceroy replies that the junks laden with stones are to be anchored for the present at the sides of the river, leaving open in the middle a deep channel, 250 Chinese feet wide.

The junks will only be sunk and the river blocked on receipt of alarming news.

## MEETING OF THE EMPEROR.

LONDON, September 16.

The Emperor, accompanied by their Chancellors, have arrived (at Warsaw).

## CHOLERA IN NAPLES.

Cholera is decreasing in Naples.

## MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business on the 23rd October.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—Montalban, August 18; Bothwell (Ire.), August 25; Glenary, Aug. 28; Massilia, and Prian, Sept. 1.

The next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. steamer *Ozze*, left Saigon on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 19th inst.

The S. S. *Edouard* left Singapore for this port on the 15th instant.

The S. S. *Electra* left Singapore for this port on the 14th instant.

The S. S. *Baudelaire* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst.

This steamer *Diamante* and China have been released from quarantine.

The steamer *Chiriqui* passed two French transports, bound North, on her way down from Foochow.

A TELEGRAM received to-day states that the French have recommended fishing in the river Sîne.

We are requested to mention that the Criminal Sessions will be opened to-morrow, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock noon instead of 10 a.m.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. inform us that the S. S. *Beaulieu* sailed from Singapore on the 16th instant, and is due here about the 22nd inst.

The French mail steamer *Diamant* arrived here this afternoon. Amongst her passengers we observe the name of Monsieur Champsaur, the local agent of the Masségoe Martingue Company.

The Chinese papers of to-day state that the French fleet is again in the Min River. This information is probably about a week older than that brought down by the *Chiriqui* to-day.

Chinese troops, recruited, are apparently still being posted to Foochow. Five or six days ago between 700 and 800 men were conveyed in a steamer from Swatow to Foochow.

The Chinese general *Sutung*, which left here some two days ago about the same time as the French private *Victor*, and which was considered to have been overtaken and captured by the latter vessel, is now lying safely in Foochow Harbour.

As will be seen from the report which appears in another column of this paper held at the Magistracy to-day, some rather serious accusations are made by some of the witnesses against one or more of the Chinese employees at the Government Civil Hospital. The inquest was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, when, no doubt, a full enquiry will be made into the matter.

A worn-out dead body of a Chinaman was found yesterday at Aberdeen, having been washed up on the beach by the tide. The body had been some time in the water and was quite unrecognizable. At an inquest held upon it this afternoon, an open verdict of found drowned was returned.

When the British steamer *Cairngorm*, Captain Jack, passed Matsen Island on Monday morning there were still five or six French men-of-war anchored under the island. Everything was quiet at the *Portuguese Anchorage* when the *Cairngorm* left. No men-of-war were seen in the river. The Chinese could be seen busily engaged reconstructing and strengthening the forts at the Kimpai and Ming-an Passes. H. B. M.'s ship *Champion* was at the Anchorage.

It is very satisfactory to find from the official telegram in another column that the Chinese authorities at Shanghai do not intend to effect a permanent injury to the Shanghai river by sinking junks filled with stones at Woosung—at least they will not be sunk unless ‘‘ alarming news’’ is received. We published particulars a day or two ago of the preparations made by the Chinese for blocking the river, and of the action taken by the Consular officials and others to prevent this step being taken. Had these junks been sunk the river would not have been blocked against the French, but great and permanent injury might have been done to the navigation.

JUDGING by a paragraph from the *N.-C. D. News*, published elsewhere, the steamer *Sir Garnet Wolseley* is wanted by the Chinese authorities for having made a false clearance and for having gone to a place not open to foreign vessels under the Treaty. In other words, it is said the steamer cleared for Vladivostock, and instead of going there, took coal to the French fleet at Matsen. We presume that steamer owners or agents take care to cover themselves against any loss when undertaking work of this kind, but hostilities between France and China present such extraordinary situations that there will be sure to be some remarkable and unprecedented questions to be decided before we get to the end of the Franco-Chinese difficulties.

A worn-out extraordinary proclamation, or notification, from the three high authorities at Canton is published by the native press of this Colony this morning. It is addressed to Chinese residents at Saigon, Singapore and Penang and others, threatening for fitting out vessels to attack the French in the rear; for piloting French vessels ashore, and for supplying the French with food which is poisoned. The attention of the Government has, we believe, been directed to these proclamations, which specially invite Chinese in British possession to do unlawful deeds and to violate neutrality, and probably some representations will have to be made to the Canton authorities on the matter. No doubt the Viceroy thinks that proclamations of this kind are all right, but he will probably have to learn a deal about international law before the present trouble is over.

Ir was rumoured yesterday (September 11th) that the steamer *Sir Garnet Wolseley*, which lately cleared here for Vladivostock and has been taken possession of by the Chinese. But we have been informed that no seizure of the steamer has been made. She is now known not to have gone to Vladivostock but to Matsen; where she delivered her cargo to the French fleet but to Matsen; where she delivered her cargo to the French fleet and the Customs and Chinese authorities would like to get possession of her for having made a false clearance and having gone to a place not open to foreign vessels under Treaty.—*N.-C. D. News*.

The wooden corvette, known as No. 6, lately anchored off the Arsenal, was towed down the river, says the *N.-C. D. News*, between six and seven o'clock last evening (Sep. 11th) for the purpose of being loaded with stones and sunk on the Bar. No. 6 corvette is to be put in fighting trim, and sent to Woosung to protect the fort. Another junk was also towed down the river to increase the number already at Woosung. When loaded, which the Chinese appear to be doing slowly, the junks are to be sunk on the inner side of the Bar. A steamer reported that the Chinese were laying piles yesterday on the south side of the river. This did not appear to be the case, though it is probable the pile driver is in position for work, and will soon commence operations.

A SYDNEY telegram states:—Some uneasiness is felt respecting the disappearance of Mr. Oscar Schulze, the well-known civil engineer, and a party of five others belonging to the German gunboat *Abaltos*. They went to the Blue Mountains by a tourist train on Saturday morning. On arriving at Wentworth Falls they proceeded to Reynold's coal mine, on Jamison Creek. On Sunday morning, having obtained two cars from the mine, the party went down ladders into the valley, a distance of about 2,000 ft. It was their intention to go on to the Nepean River, a distance of 8 miles, but they have not since been heard of and it is believed that they have lost their way in the mountain gullies and ravines, which must have been dangerous to travel along in consequence of the heavy rain. Search parties are out after the missing adventurers, but no tidings have as yet been obtained.

In the Treaty between the United States and China concluded at Tientsin in 1858, the following article occurs:—Art. XXVI.—‘‘Relations of peace and amity between the United States and China being established by this Treaty, and the vessels of the United States being admitted to trade freely to and from the ports of China, to foreign commerce; it is further agreed that, so far as at any time hereafter the Chinese may be at war with any foreign nation, whatever it should be, that cause exclude such nation from the war, the Chinese may be compelled to declare war against that nation, and, as far as possible, to make war upon her ports, with the vessels of the United States and the less continue to pursue their commerce in freedom, and security, and to transport goods, and from the ports of the belligerent power, full respect being paid to the neutrality of the flag of the United States, provided that the said flag shall not protect vessels engaged in the transportation of officers or soldiers in the enemy's ships, with their cargoes, to any part of the ports of China; but all such vessels so offending shall be subject to forfeiture, and confiscation to the Chinese Government.’’ It cannot be said that the Chinese Government are now doing anything to carry out this engagement of theirs; but we trust that the representatives of the United States are doing their duty in the interests of their citizens, to protect their national trade and interests.—*N.-C. D. News*.

Chinese troops, recruited, are apparently still being posted to Foochow. Five or six days ago between 700 and 800 men were conveyed in a steamer from Swatow to Foochow.

The Chinese general *Sutung*, which left here some two days ago about the same time as the French private *Victor*, and which was considered to have been overtaken and captured by the latter vessel, is now lying safely in Foochow Harbour.

As will be seen from the report which appears in another column of this paper held at the Magistracy to-day, some rather serious accusations are made by some of the witnesses against one or more of the Chinese employees at the Government Civil Hospital. The inquest was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, when, no doubt, a full enquiry will be made into the matter.

Should be supported in their action by a similar meeting being held here. Our Chamber of Commerce will at any rate have the matter brought before it. If a meeting of this kind here did not do a great amount of good, it would certainly not do the smallest amount of harm.

H. B. M.'s ship *Abaltos* arrived at Hankow on the 9th September, and found the Russian cruiser *Nevsky* there. Everything was quiet at the *Portuguese Anchorage* when the *Cairngorm* left the river.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Hu Pao* writing in Peking states that the telegraph wires there have been placed underground, instead of above ground poles, on account of *Yangtze*.

The *Shanghai Mercury* understands that the S.S. *Ingberg* and *Waterley* are both going to take Chinese troops from below Chinkiang to Tamsui, Formosa. The S.S. *Waterley* which has left Shanghai is reported to be on the same mission.

The last French Mail was brought here, says the *Penang Times*, by the P. & O. steamer *Brindisi*, the other day, at the bottom of all the other mail packages of mails, and wrapped in one solid mass of tar, originally produced for disinfecting purposes, so much so that the mail officials could not land the bags, which went on to the *Portuguese Anchorage*.

The *Shanghai Mercury* understands that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has telegraphed to the Corresponding Committee in London that the Chamber has addressed to the Foreign Consuls and Ministers in regard to the threatened blocking of the river; also to the Foreign Ministers at Peking are aware of the intentions of the Chinese.

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We published particulars a day or two ago of the preparations made by the Chinese for blocking the river, and of the action taken by the Consular officials and others to prevent this step being taken.

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